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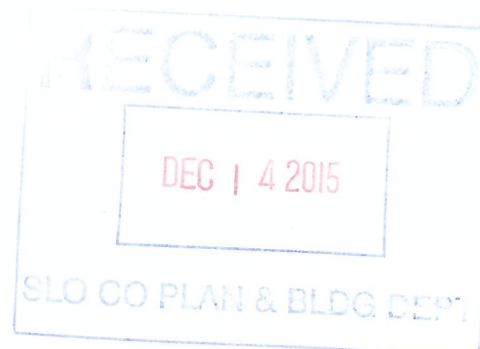
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Department of Planning and Building
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Re: Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project

Dear Planning Commissioners:

The Berryessa Union School District Board of Trustees would like to state our concerns regarding the expansion of the Phillips 66 oil train offloading facility in San Luis Obispo County. We are particularly concerned with the increase in oil-train traffic and the risk it poses to our neighborhood. The one-mile US Department of Transportation Potential Impact Zone in the case of an oil train derailment or fire crosses along the western side of Berryessa Union School District.

The Board has been informed that the most significant impact identified in the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) for this project is an increase in accidents on the main rail line that could result in oil spills, fires, and explosions near populated areas. The current rail system is not designed to move large quantities of hazardous materials such as crude oil. Additionally, we are concerned about the increase in diesel emissions near our schools. The Board believes this project would compromise the health and safety of our school communities.

On December 8, 2015, by a vote of 5 to 0, the Berryessa Union School District Board of Trustees voted to respectfully request that the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission vote to deny this project.

Sincerely,

Richard Claspill
President, Board of Trustees

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